

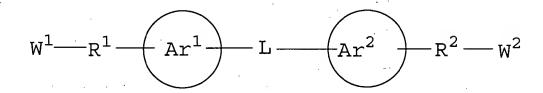
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 112, 114/115, 117/121, 143, 144 and 146, 150.

Please amend Claims 108, 113 and 141 to read as follows:

Claims 1-107 (cancelled).

(previously amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:



or salts thereof,

wherein

 W^1 and W^2 are independently CO_2R^3 , C(=NH)NH(OH), $PO(OR^3)_2$ or $C(=O)CF_3$, and at least one of W^1 and W^2 is CO_2R^3 ;

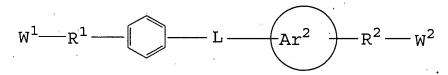
each of R^1 and R^2 is a bond, CH_2 or C_1 - C_6 alkylene;

each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 is independently a C_5 - C_{20} aryl;

L is a linker selected from the group consisting of a methoxy, C_2 - C_{20} alkoxy, and C_6 - C_{20} aryl; and,

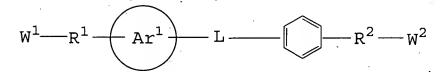
R³ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl.

109. (previously added) The composition of Claim 108, wherein said compound is of the formula:



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110. (previously added) The composition of Claim 108, wherein said compound is of the formula:



111. (previously added) The composition of Claim 108, wherein said compound is of the formula:

$$W^1 \longrightarrow R^1 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow R^2 \longrightarrow W^2$$

Claim 112 (cancelled).

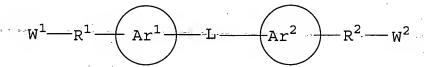
113. (previously amended) The composition of Claim 108, wherein L is -CH₂O-.

Claims 114, 115 (cancelled).

116. (previously added) The composition of Claim 108, wherein the compound is of the formula:

Claim 115-121 (cancelled).

(amended) A method for inhibiting Fc receptor binding of immunoglobulin in a patient comprising administering to such patient a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



or salts thereof,

wherein

L is a linker selected from the group consisting of a methoxy, C_2 - C_{20} alkoxy, and C_6 - C_{20} aryl comprising from 1 to about 20 atoms; and,

 R^3 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

- 123. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said Fc receptor is selected from the group consisting of FcαR, FcεR, FcγR and mixtures thereof.
- 124. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said Fc receptor is selected from the group consisting of FcγRIIa, FcγRIIb, FcγRIIc and mixtures thereof.

- 125. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said method reduces IgG-mediated tissue damage in said patient.
- 126. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said method reduces inflammation in said patient.
- 127. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said method is used to treat an autoimmune disease.
- 128. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said method is used to treat a disease where aggregates of antibodies are produced or where immune complexes are produced by contact of antibody with intrinsic or extrinsic antigen.
- 129. (previously added) The method of Claim 128, wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of immune complex diseases, autoimmune diseases, infectious diseases and vasculitities.
- 130. (previously added) The method of Claim 129, wherein said autoimmune disease is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, immune thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, and hemolytic anaemias.
- 131. (previously added) The method of Claim 129, wherein said vasculitities is selected from the group consisting of polyarteritis nodosa, and systemic vasculitis.

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- 132. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said method is used to treat xenograft rejection.
- 133. (previously added) The method of Claim 129, wherein said infectious disease is selected from the group consisting of Dengue virus-dengue hemorrhagic fever and measles virus infection.
- 134. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said method reduces IgE-mediated response in said patient.

Claim 135 (cancelled).

136. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said compound is of the formula:

$$W^1 - R^1 - C - C - R^2 - R^2 - W^2$$

137. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said compound is of the formula:

$$W^1 - R^1 - Ar^1 - L - R^2 - W^2$$

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138. (previously added) The method of Claim 122, wherein said compound is of the formula:

$$-R^1$$
 $-R^2$ $-R^2$ $-R^2$

- 139. (previously added) The method of Claim 138, wherein W¹ and W² are CO₂H.
- 140. (previously added) The method of Claim 138, wherein R¹ and R² are a bond.

Claim 141 (cancelled).

142. (currently amended) The method of Claim $\underline{122}$ $\underline{140}$, wherein L is -CH₂O-.

Claims 143, 144 (cancelled).

145. (previously added) The method of Claim 140, wherein the compound is of the formula:

$$HO_2C$$
 O CO_2H